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Date: July 21, 2003

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

Applicant: Deraa et al.
Application Number: 09/944,903
Filing Date: August 30, 2001
Title: HIGH ASPECT RATIO CONTACT
STRUCTURE WITH REDUCED
SILICON CONSUMPTION
Examiner Name: Victor A. Mandala
Group Art Unit: 2826

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Commissioner for Patents
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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(X) Enclosed:

(X) Amendment

(X) Return Postcard

2. Fees:

(X) RCE fee (\$750 large entity)

(X) Extension of Time fee:

(X) One Month (\$110)

3. Payment:

(X) Check in the amount of \$860 to cover the above fees.

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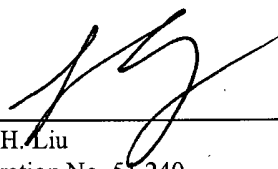
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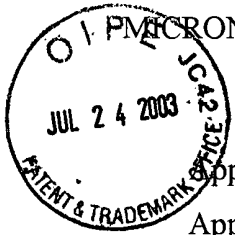
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as indicated below.